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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to explore new avenues in the emerging biotech market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the first biotech conference was held recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the result achieved thereby ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (e) : Yes Sir, Biotechnology is a knowledge intensive business enterprise. New avenues in the emerging biotech market are explored and reviewed every year, based on which annual plans on R&D are formulated and new programmes undertaken. Areas for long term research support such as in genomics, bioinformatics and neuro-biology, environment and plant biotechnology have been identified and supported to address emerging problems in health, agriculture, industry and environment related issues. The Government has been conducting and supporting biotech conferences to create public awareness from time to time in order to sensitise the people on the diverse benefits and enormous potential of biotechnology. The recommendations of various conferences are generally examined for implementation. Conscious efforts have been made to convert the R&D leads into processes and products. Regular Scientist-industry interactions are organised. Thirty two technologies (diagnostics, vaccines, tissue cultured plants, biofertilisers and biopesticides) have been transferred to industry.